

## Minutes - Draft

### PECS-Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee

*Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, (Chair)*

*Commissioner Robert Patrick, Member*

*Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Member*

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Tuesday, August 27, 2024

3:30 PM

Manuel J. Maloof Auditorium

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Meeting Started At: 3:32PM

Attendees: Commissioners Long Spears, Bradshaw, Patrick, Terry

**Present**      3 - Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, Commissioner Robert Patrick, and Commissioner Steve Bradshaw

#### I. MINUTES

**2024-1041**      Commission District(s): ALL  
Minutes for the August 13, 2024 Planning, Economic Development, and Community Services Committee Meeting

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Bradshaw**

#### II. APPOINTMENT INTERVIEWS

[2024-0844](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts  
Reappointment to the Development Authority of DeKalb County -  
Mr. Kevin Gooch.  
Reappointment to the Private Hospital Authority of DeKalb County  
- Mr. Kevin Gooch.  
Reappointment to the Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly  
Authority - Mr. Kevin Gooch.

**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Steve  
Bradshaw, that this agenda item be recommended for  
approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on  
9/10/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Patrick, and  
Commissioner Bradshaw**

*-interview conducted by the PECS Committee to Mr. Gooch*

[2024-0846](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts  
Reappointment to the Development Authority of DeKalb County - Mr.  
Andrew Greenberg.  
Reappointment to the Private Hospital Authority of DeKalb County -  
Mr. Andrew Greenberg.  
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*-interview conducted by the PECS Committee to Mr. Greenberg*

### III. AGENDA ITEM

*New Agenda Items:*

**Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA)**

[2024-0892](#) Commission District(s): ALL  
LB - Invitation No. 24-101653 ADA Compliance and Safety Inspections (Multiyear with 2 Options To Renew): for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). Consists of compliance inspections and ADA transition plan preparation. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder: Bureau Veritas Technical Assessments, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$125,000.00.

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*-information provided by Director Ellis - RPCA*

*-Question RP: the County does have a Countywide ADA coordinator?*

*-response provided by Director Ellis*

[2024-0909](#) Commission District(s): ALL  
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract Nos.: 1359735 and 1360830 Tree Cutting and Removal Services for RPCA (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). This contract consists of tree cutting and removal services for County-owned facilities. This request seeks to increase the contract funds. This request also seeks to reserve the right to transfer funds between contracts based on the needs of the County. Awarded to: One Two, Tree and Sesmas Tree Service, LLC. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$100,000.00

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*-information provided by Director Ellis - RPCA*

*-Question MLS: how much is the original*

*contract?C Ellis: I can get you that information*

[2024-0952](#)

Commission District(s): 3,4,6 & 7  
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1351398 Court Construction and Maintenance (Cobb County Sealed Bid No. 22-6663) [Cooperative Agreement]: for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). This contract consists of purchasing from the competitively let Cobb County contract for as needed court construction and maintenance. This request seeks to increase the contract scope of work and funds. This request will assist in basketball and tennis court improvements at NH Scott Park, DeKalb Memorial Park, and Wade Walker Park. Awarded to: Signature Tennis Courts, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$545,780.00.

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**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Bradshaw**

*-information provided by Director Ellis - RPCA*

*Previously Heard Agenda Items:*

#### **Board of Commissioners - District 2**

[2024-0935](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts  
Resolution Establishing an Affordable Housing Trust Fund for DeKalb County, Georgia

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 9/10/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Bradshaw**

*-information provided by Commissioner Long Spears*

*-MLS: we will defer this item for 30 days to discuss further with my Staff and the Administration*

*-comments provided by Dorian DeBarr*

*-Question MLS: do you have recommendations for a funding source?*

*D DeBarr: I don't have recommendations there, but I am happy to bring in partners who will be happy to contribute to the conversation*

*-Question SB: is there a precedent in other jurisdictions?*

*D DeBarr: the City of Atlanta is something that we should all look toward as they established their affordable housing trust fund through a bond; additional comments provided by Mr. DeBarr*

*-Question SB: do you know how much they generate on an annual basis? Do you know how they deploy those funds and how is it impacting housing affordability in Atlanta?*

*-response provided by Mr. DeBarr*

*-additional comments provided by COO Williams*

*-SB: motion to defer 30 days*

#### IV. DISCUSSION

Frontline Response

- presentation provided by Tammy Hughes - Frontline Response
- Question MLS: what organization was facilitating the program in Houston?
- response provided by Ms. Hughes
- Question MLS: is it City of Houston or Harris County?
- T Hughes: I believe it is City of Houston; I will get the details to you
- Question MLS: is it going to be gas powered vehicle or an all-electric bus?
- response provided by Ms. Hughes
- Question MLS: regarding times of service, why not Saturday and Sunday?
- response provided by Ms. Hughes
- Question MLS: do you have an asset map of the services in this community that you can share with us?
- T Hughes: I can get that to you
- Question MLS: the health equity project with Ernst and Young, they will be providing hours and days? Could we share that information with them as well?
- responses provided by COO Williams
- MLS: I would be interested in learning more about your sustainability plan to sustain the initial investment
- comments provided by Ms. Hughes regarding the possibility of the County adopting a line item in the budget for homelessness efforts
- MLS: I would encourage you to talk with our Community Development director as well as our Human Services Director; you can probably get to them through Mr. Williams on what that would look like
- Question RP: another component that could be considered at a future time is cell phones and access to wifi in the operations of the bus for users
- additional comments provided by Ms. Hughes regarding research into the development of an app
- Question SB: is anyone else in the County performing this function or a similar function?
- T Hughes: not that I'm aware of
- Question SB: are there other counties in the area that are doing this work? Is Frontline operational anywhere else or is this a startup?
- response provided by Ms. Hughes
- Question TT: is Frontline still working on human trafficking initiatives?
- response provided by Ms. Hughes
- Question TT: regarding a more comprehensive strategy - if we are transporting people, do we have a dedicated shelter space and dedicating housing-first approach?
- responses provided by Ms. Hughes

### DeKalb Community Atlas App

- presentation provided by Campbell Casseb - GIS Specialist, Planning & Sustainability
- Question MLS: regarding advertising, that is advertising of the tool?
- C Casseb: yes that's correct
- Question MLS: other than that what other ways do you see this being promoted?
- response provided by Mr. Casseb
- Question MLS: are you aware of other jurisdictions using a similar tool, and if so please send us those examples
- response provided by Mr. Casseb
- Question TT: are you including all the projects including SPLOST - parks and rec, transportation, etc?
- response provided by Mr. Casseb

### DeKalb County Mobile Crisis Team Funding Request

*-information provided by Andria Daniels - Claratel Health Communications Director*

*-Question SB: up until now this has been funded with ARP funds?*

*A Daniels: that's correct*

*-Question RP: is there an expectation that we take action today?*

*A Daniels: yes; the request to get us through the end of February next year*

*-additional comments provided by COO Williams on the process of an agenda item to the BOC*

*-discussion amongst the PECS Committee and Mr. Williams on the logistics of the funding request*

*-comments provided by County Attorney Ernstes*

*-TT: we need to have this program in place because State law mandates that we have a co-responder program;*

*additional comments provided by Commissioner Terry*

*-comments provided by Commissioner Bradshaw regarding County ARP funding strategies*

*-comments provided by County Attorney Ernstes*

Meeting Ended At: 5:05PM

**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be adjourned meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Bradshaw**

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Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC